

REMARKABLE RESULT

Of a Surgical Operation Performed on E. W. Highhouse,

FORMERLY OF BELLAIRE, OHIO.

It Was Made Necessary by a Violent Case of Pleurisy—His Heart Can Be Seen to Beat—He Has Exhibited His Physical Condition to the Prominent Medical Men of the Country.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The Herald has the following: If there is a person in New York, or anywhere else for that matter, who doubts that the heart of Edward W. Highhouse is in the right place, all he need do to set his doubt at rest is to look at the heart, covered only by the pericardium at its constant work.

Mr. Highhouse is at present staying at the Putnam House, in Fourth avenue, where I saw him yesterday. A more rare surgical case has perhaps seldom been known.

He was employed in the meat dressing room of P. D. Armour's packing house in South Omaha in May, 1888. He caught a cold which developed into pleurisy. He was confined to his house for four months, and although not entirely well at the end of that time went to his former home at Warren, Pa., where he remained until February, 1888. He decided finally to go to the general hospital in Buffalo, N. Y., for treatment, having been told that it would be necessary for him to undergo a surgical operation.

He put himself in the hands of Dr. Roswell Park, chief surgeon of the general hospital.

He reached the hospital early in February, and on the 16th of that month the operation was performed. More than a dozen surgeons were present. He was suffering from an abscess in the chest.

The operation was on the principle laid down by Eastlander. One and one-half inches was resected or removed from five ribs on the left side in front and from four or five ribs in the back. By this means the pleural cavity was opened in such a manner that the hand could be put through from one side to the other. A large quantity of pus was then removed and the left lung found to be almost entirely gone.

DETAILS OF THE OPERATION. The pleural cavity was scraped and cleaned and washed with a chloride of zinc solution. It was then packed with zinc oxide gauze, and dressed as necessary.

Either was the anaesthetic used. Highhouse was under its influence for more than two hours, although the operation properly occupied half of that time. He stood the operation well and rapidly recovered.

His physical condition after the operation was most remarkable, however. To the left of and immediately adjoining the heart was an opening about four inches long and three inches wide. The cavity extended through to the back. Looking into the cavity the ribs of the back were plainly distinguished. The most remarkable sight, however, is the working of the man's heart. Each beat and movement of the heart was clearly discernible.

Mr. Highhouse was hardly able to do work of any kind after leaving the hospital at Buffalo, and went to Bellaire, Ohio, where he had sent his wife and three children. He had a hard struggle to make a living for his family and last month decided to exhibit his peculiar physical condition to medical men in colleges, clinics or in private, as a means of supporting his family.

He has exhibited himself to clinics in Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, O., and Louisville. In New York he has been shown to two of Dr. W. Gilman Thompson's classes at the University Medical College, and also to a clinic of Dr. Alfred Loomis, in the amphitheatre of Bellevue Hospital. He has also been shown to a class in the Woman's Medical College and in the Long Island Hospital.

EXHIBITED AT CLINICS. Prof. Curtis, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, exhibited Mr. Highhouse yesterday morning in the amphitheatre of that college. Dr. W. Gilman Thompson will take him to New Haven next Thursday, to exhibit him to the medical faculty there.

Mr. Highhouse told me yesterday, after showing me the effect of the operation, that he is generally in good health, but has to take the greatest precaution against taking cold or over-exerting himself. He feels much better in summer than in winter, because of the difference in the temperature.

For the purpose of protecting himself from cold he fills up the cavity in his chest with a couple of handfuls of cotton. Next to his skin he wears a buckskin undershirt.

He has occasionally a slight pain in the region of the chest. He does not smoke or drink and is most careful of his diet. He appreciates his condition thoroughly, and said yesterday, "I know that I may drop off at any time."

He is thirty-six years old and was born in Warren, Pa. He is five feet nine inches in height and weighs 151 pounds, although his weight was 133 pounds before he was attacked by pleurisy in 1888. His general appearance gives no indication of his actual condition.

From New Haven Mr. Highhouse will go to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, where he expects to exhibit himself to medical men and clinics.

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GERMANY AND THE CATHOLICS.

The Vote of the Reichstag on the Return of the Jesuits.

ROME, Dec. 25.—The Associated Press correspondent in this city has had an interview with a German ecclesiastic, who occupies a leading position in Rome, on the subject of the recent vote in the German reichstag upon the question of readmitting members of the Society of Jesus to Germany.

The distinguished prelate referred to believes that the German federal council, which is a sort of senate, will not ratify the vote of the reichstag, saying: "An aristocratic and conservative spirit prevails in the former assembly, and it should not be forgotten that in Prussia a large portion of the nobility and of the patrician class is Lutheran. The Emperor himself is an ardent and well-known militant pietist, and would not see with a favorable eye the return of the Jesuits, implying, as it would, a triumph of Catholic aspirations."

"Nevertheless, the vote of the reichstag constitutes a good precedent. In the event of the motion being rejected by the federal council, it will be brought forward again, later on, and indeed, as many times as necessary, until by dint of perseverance and constancy all obstacles are overcome."

The correspondent then asked the prelate how it was that certain groups in the reichstag calling themselves conservative, had voted against the return of the Jesuits, whose action had invariably been in support of conservative ideas.

He replied that it was chiefly the conservatives of the Prussian provinces who had voted in this manner, and they did so out of fear of not being re-elected.

"And the socialists," the correspondent asked; "why did they vote in favor of the Jesuits, knowing that the latter are their enemies?"

"No doubt," replied the ecclesiastic, "because they dread, on their own account, legislative measures; and on principle they refused to authorize the employment of weapons against the society of Jesus which might some day be used against them."

"Have you noticed," the correspondent finally asked, "the violent tone of the articles published by the *Osservatore Romano* and the *Voce della Verita* against the German deputy, Herr Lieber, who declared, on behalf of the Centre, that the infallibility of the pope did not give the pontiff the right to turn German Catholics from their duty to their emperor and their country in the event of danger to the fatherland? Does the deputy's assertion really deserve the blame bestowed upon it by those two papers, which are generally held to represent the views of the vatican, and does Herr Lieber's statement offend dogma?"

"Not in the least," replied the ecclesiastic. "I see nothing reprehensible in Herr Lieber's statement. The reproach is constantly levelled against German Catholics that they cannot be good patriots because of the obedience they owe to the pope, who is a foreigner. Now, Herr Lieber desired to refute this charge by making an explicit statement and his declaration in my opinion is in no way incompatible with dogma."

SNORED TOO LOUD.

A Man Under the Bed and the Fright It Caused a Woman.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The inmates of the Protestant Episcopal Sisters' Home, at No. 34 West Twenty-second street, were badly frightened yesterday. At 2 o'clock in the morning a tall man was yanked from under the Mother Superior's bed by a policeman. All the other beds in the Home were looked under for other intruders. None were found.

The Mother Superior retired at an early hour Friday night. Her sleep was so profound that she did not awaken when a tall, dark form stealthily entered her room soon after midnight.

At 2 o'clock the mother superior awoke. Awful sounds were coming up through the mattress on which she reposed. Frightened as she was, she instantly recognized the sounds she heard as snores. With a wild scream she sprang out of bed and rapidly whirled the handle of a burglar alarm attached to the wall.

An officer of the American District Telegraph Company's burglar alarm service answered in a hurry. The man was pulled from under the bed, and Policeman George Reid, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, locked him up. He had slept peacefully the whole time.

He had entered the Sister's Home through a window down stairs, and his boots were found in the hallway. Two silver knives were in his pockets. He gave his name as John Hackman in Jefferson Market. The Mother Superior refused to appear and make a complaint. The man was held for examination.

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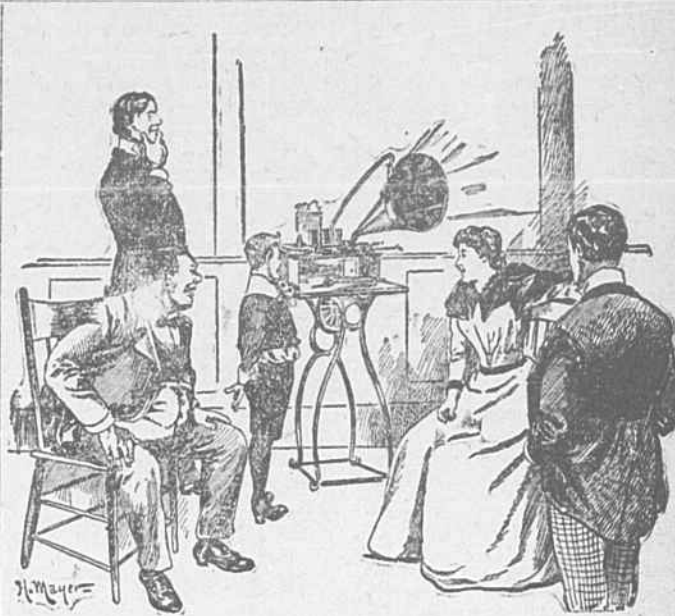
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